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BIRTHS.
At Victoria Hospital, Peak, on the 30th November, 1908, the wife of E. J. HARELAND, of a son, [1631]
At Kobe, on the 21st instant, the wife of Jas. L. ROBERTSON, of a daughter, MABELLAJE.

At Christ Church, Colombo, on 30th November, CHARLES GORDON STEWART, youngest son of the late Dr. JOHN MACKIE of Britain, to GERTRUDE IRVINE, youngest daughter of the late JAMES GUTHRIE of Hope Park, Broughty Ferry. [1632]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 2ND, 1908.

The new Government at Peking, whatever may eventually prove to be its line of policy, has certainly, up to the present, displayed no lack of administrative efficiency, and the new reign starts with all the prestige of having surmounted the formidable initiatory difficulties attending a succession in the East, without a single false step. Indeed the very first act of the new administration—the arrest of the interfering eunuchs whose Court influence had been the bane of the latter days of the late Dowager Tae Hi, was one well calculated to show that the incoming Regency well understood that first principle of successful government—the necessity of striking an early and decisive blow, before those elements of disorder that hang about a new accession had time to mature their plots. The promptness with which the reigning title for the new monarch was announced was a clear indication that all eventualities had been well considered beforehand, and the title itself, Suan Tung which may be paraphrased as "Keep moving," was probably intended, as it has been interpreted, to be an indication that promptitude and decision are meant to be

the watchwords of the new régime; and that the principles of reformed administration, paraded, but not acted on, during the late reign, are really intended to be made features of the new régime. As we have frequently observed these doctrines of responsibility of sovereigns and ministers to the will of the nation at large are of no modern growth in China. They were promulgated with no uncertain sound as long ago as the period of the early Sages, and have ever formed an important part of the constitutional law of the Empire. A certain disciple of Mencius is represented as thus addressing him:—"May I venture to ask regarding the presentation to heaven, and heaven's acceptance,—how it was laid before the people; accepted by them?" The teacher replied:—"The rulers were commissioned to sacrifice, and the hosts of spirits received the offerings; they represented heaven's acceptance. Again, the rulers were commissioned to take in hand the affairs of government; when they ruled correctly, the people were at peace: this indicated the people's acceptance. As with heaven, so with the people. Therefore it is said, the Tientse in dealing with the State cannot act merely as an individual." The inference to be drawn is that in his relations with the Empire, the ruler has higher duties to perform than those of a mere man, and must always bear in mind, that while his authority is derived from Heaven direct, the mandate is only valid when exercised in accordance with the acceptance of the nation.

It is this doctrine of the sovereign's responsibility to his people, as the necessary correlative of his duty towards Heaven itself that is largely answerable for the long stability of the Empire on the one hand, and on the other hand for the large measure of popular liberty which has always been enjoyed by the people of China as compared with other Asiatic nations. The effect of the mutual confidence thus engendered has lately been displayed in a very marked manner by the way in which the Chinese people at large have acted with regard to their intended constitution: with agitation, without disturbance of the peace, they have yet in their very persevering way compelled their rulers to go on so far, that now withdrawal has become practically impossible for either rulers or people; and those foremost in promoting the measures even the people at large, but the rulers who seem how immense their power and influence will be enhanced when backed up by the suffrages of the Empire at large. Thus, it used not long ago to be declared was a geographical expression, but not a people, inhabitants caring nought for matters of state nor who ruled them, provided their personal comforts were not unduly interfered with. The last forty years have witnessed a vast change in the relations of the people to the State, and no people are more jealous of the dignity of the country than the Chinese of to-day, nor more willing to make sacrifices to restore its somewhat damaged prestige. This, they are wise enough to see, is not to be attained by strife nor revolution nor yet by armed strife. This feeling is not confined to one class, nor one interest, but is common to the nation at large, be the individuals rulers, or be they ruled. China has never been marked by the strife of classes: the highest offices have ever been open to all alike and even since the Manchus existed as a privileged class, the tendency has been to gradually relax these distinctions—a tendency, it is noted, shared to a large extent by the Manchus themselves. It is this lately arisen sensation of a common nationality that has prepared the mind of both to share a common Empire and has recalled the ancient ideas of the identity of interests between rulers and ruled, which the Manchu conquest for a time had concealed. These tendencies of modern China have been conspicuously apparent within the last few days in the practice of universal exhibition of the outward signs of mourning for the late Empress Dowager and the Emperor. The late Emperor, at first probably from a feeling of sympathy for his helplessness and loneliness as a child in the midst of uncongenial surroundings, seems early, notwithstanding his alien birth, to have become an object of more than mere passing interest to his subjects. This was emphasised into a feeling very much akin to personal loyalty, when he, of his own accord, endeavoured to draw nearer to his people by removing abuses which had gradually grown up in his Court; and above all showed plainly his desire to finally away with the distinction which had separated Chinese and Manchu. The personal dignities that he had in consequence to undergo, appealed strongly to the growing feeling, and the reactionary policy of the

Sergeant Pitt charged the godown keeper of the Holland-China Company's godown at 78 and 80, Wancho Road, with obstructing the roadway with 78 beer barrels. Mr. J. H. Kemp yesterday imposed a fine of \$15.

Yesterday was the birthday anniversary of H. M. Queen Alexandra and a royal salute was fired at noon. The Fleet and other vessels in port dressed ship in honour of the occasion. An official dinner was held in the evening at Government House. The list of guests appeared in our yesterday's issue.

On November 18th at Tientsin about 10,000 children, from the Tientsin City Native Schools, were assembled together with their teachers at the Viceroy's Yamen in order to proclaim the new Emperor. Spectators state that the sight was a very interesting and novel one.

There is a chimney opposite the Justice's room at the Magistracy which requires the attention of the Building Authority. When a native was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday with not providing a smoke pipe, and was fined \$10, his Worship drew Inspector Hutchinson's attention to this fact.

The Portuguese Chargé d'Affaires in Peking has agreed to cancel the Canton-Macao Railway Agreement entered into by Sheng Kung Pao and the Portuguese Minister on certain conditions, the principal of which is that the regulations as to fares on the railway to be built under the sole control of China shall be settled by an Agreement between the Chinese and Portuguese Governments.

November 25th was observed at Shanghai as a special occasion of mourning for the deaths of the Emperor and Empress Dowager, and besides the flags of the various Consulates many of the houses also flew their flags at half mast. The banks, native and foreign, were closed as were also many native shops and stores, especially in Nanking Road, and the Custom House concluded business at noon, but otherwise business proceeded much as usual. From the Settlement all the officials proceeded to the City to take part in the funeral rites which were there observed, and in consequence of the Magistrates' absence the Mixed Court had again to suspend business.

The third of the series of Organ Recitals arranged for the first Tuesday of the winter months was given yesterday by Mr. Denman Fuller at St. John's Cathedral. The programme consisted entirely of selections from German composers including two vocal items and was presented as follows:

1. Fantasia and Fugue Bach
2. Aria ... "O God have mercy" Mendelssohn
3. Vompiel Parcifal Wagner
4. Canon Schumann
5. Liebelied Henselt
6. Hocid and Asia "Thus saith the Lord" Handel
7. Phantasie Rheinberger

but two gentlemen, although their letter was delayed, have recently had every reason to congratulate themselves on its not reaching its destination at the time it should have done. It appears that they jointly wrote from an outport to their broker to sell certain stock, but the letter did not turn up in time. In the meantime the stock jumped up and when the gentlemen reached Shanghai and found this out, they told their broker to sell, which he did and instead of netting a few hundred taels only, as would have been the case, if their letter had not been delayed, they got Tls. 9,000 profit!

Marquis Katsuura, the Japanese Prime Minister, has stated with reference to the question of reducing the Japanese force in Peking, that notice of that intention having been duly conveyed to the Chinese Government, and there being no sign of any commotion such as would militate against the carrying out of the programme, the Government's resolve is to proceed with the operation. China has troops enough of her own to deal with any disturbance, and a recurrence of such events as those of 1900 cannot and need not be expected. For the rest, if any occasion should arise for the employment of foreign troops, Japan has forces in Manchuria and Korea, which would be available at any moment.

A cofferdam has been built around the sunken Hanping opposite the French Concession at Shanghai and it is hoped to have the sunken ship raised within a few days.

We are asked to request the audience attending the performances of "A Country Girl" to be in their seats before 9 o'clock, as late comers distract everybody.

The annual bazaar promoted by the Mother Superior and Sisters of the French Convent will be held on Monday afternoon, 14th inst., at the City Hall.

A proposal to give a dance under the auspices of the Volunteer Corps is to be considered at a meeting of those interested, convened for Tuesday next, the 8th inst.

The German A. D. C. at Shanghai were to give a second performance of "Das Stiftungsfest," the piece so successfully staged by the Deutscher Theater-Verein at the Lyceum Theatre last week.

The case concluded at the Magistracy yesterday in which an Indian constable was charged with accepting a bottle of whisky from a hawker as a bribe. Two witnesses, called by the defendant, gave him an excellent character, but knew nothing about the bribe. Mr. J. H. Kemp sentenced the defendant to six months' imprisonment.

A murderous attempt by a Chinaman upon Miss Gall, the daughter of a well known French Municipal employee at Tientsin is reported in the Northern papers. It appears that the boy is a discharged servant and made his way into the girl's bedroom and first throttled her, and then cut her face about with a knife. The man fled but was captured and has been identified by his victim; who is in a very bad way from the numerous wounds received.

During the past fiscal year 1,686,767 vaccinations against smallpox were made in the Philippine Islands by agents of the Bureau of Health, to say nothing of the thousands made by private physicians. According to the last annual report of the Secretary of the Interior the administration of this work has been so improved that its cost is now approximately two and a half centavos per capita as against seven and a half centavos a few years ago. "It is a remarkable fact" says the Secretary of the Interior, "and one that bears eloquent testimony to the care used by the Bureau of Science in manufacturing vaccine, and by the Bureau of Health in using it, that not a single death has occurred as a result of this enormous number of vaccinations, especially when the results obtained in other countries under more favourable conditions are considered."

Mr. Arias, Consul-General for Spain at Shanghai, has been recalled to Madrid to explain his action in cutting off the Chinese who were formerly registered in his Consulate and to whom he was unwilling to extend further Spanish protection. The action of Mr. Arias in this matter, says "The Shanghai Times," met with the heartiest approval of the foreign community, and we are sure that it tended greatly to relieve many unpleasant occurrences in the Mixed Court. We learn that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, as well as some Chinese officials, have asked the Wai-Wu-Wei to represent to the Spanish Government the valuable services which Mr. Arias performed in this matter. It is sincerely to be hoped that for the good of Shanghai, this policy will not be reversed.

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By kind permission of Major Evans and officers, the Band of the Shekhwati Regiment will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday 3rd December 1908 (weather permitting).

Waltz "The Southern Breeze," ... Meissler Selection "The Shop Girl," ... Carly Song Cycle (a) "Liebelied," ... Klav Song Cycle (b) "Alte Liebe rostet nicht," ... Volsted Characteristic "Cum right down to do ... Huskin Bee, ... Thurbad Cornet Solo (with bells obligato) "Tell me while the Church bells ring," ... Coko Selection "Les rues de Corneville," ... Planquette Anvil Solo ... "The Musical Blacksmiths," ... Coko Two Step ... "Don't make Dem Scandals Eyes at Me," ... Leo Johnson God Save the King.

THE BUILDING COLLAPSE AT YAUMATI.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., has given notice of his intention to ask the following question at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday:—"Will the Honourable the Attorney-General state whether he has any objection to give the reasons which governed him in not filing an indictment for manslaughter at the last Sessions in the Portland Street Building Collapse Case?"

A serious accident was narrowly averted by the promptitude and presence of mind of a tramway motorman at Kennedy Road on Sunday. A truck which carried a load of approximately two tons, and was propelled by four or five coolies, was proceeding along the tram line in front of the oncoming car. The motor man sounded the going and the truck was dragged clear of the rails, but as the car drew nearly level with it the unmanageable truck ran across the line and the coolies abandoned it, and are alleged to have taken to their heels. The emergency brake of the car was at once applied, and the car pulled up as promptly as the brake would act, but, owing to the proximity of the two vehicles, this was not in time to avoid a collision, which damaged the front of the tram. One of the truck coolies was arrested and charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday with obstructing and damaging a tramcar, and the Anglo-German Agreement 1900, and the Franco-Japanese Agreement of 1907.

AUSTRIA AND THE NEAR EAST.

LONDON, November 29th. An official statement from Belgrade says, report from Cetinje state that 22,000 Austrians, on the Montenegrin frontier, believing themselves cut off, panicked and fled precipitately abandoning a portion of their munitions and artillery. Two Generals have been cashiered in consequence.

LATER.

The German paper the "Nord Deutsche" welcomes with sincere satisfaction the Japan-American Agreement, which it considers increases the guarantees for the maintenance of peace in the Far East, in a similar manner to the Anglo-German Agreement 1900, and the Franco-Japanese Agreement of 1907.

LATER.

The reported panic of Austrian troops on the Montenegrin frontier is absolutely denied in Vienna. The rumour is solely based on the removal of Austrian baggage inland, owing to a possible attack on it by the Montenegrins.

LATER.

Montenegro has handed the representatives of the Powers at Cetinje Memorandum demanding the cession of Spigia from Austria. At the same time Montenegro will not forego her claims for other compensations.

LATER.

The King has received the new Japanese Ambassador and the Chinese Minister, both of whom have presented their credentials.

MORE POSTAL CONCESSIONS ASKED FOR.

Mr. Henniker Heaton, M.P., has been given printed replies from the Postmaster-General to a series of questions on postal matters. Mr. Burton states that he has invited the Governors of Canada and Australia to participate in the Imperial Postal Order system, which now comprises practically the whole of the British Empire, except those two countries, but he is sorry to say that neither of those Governments has yet found itself able to adopt the system. The prepaid rate of postage on newspapers not exceeding two ounces in weight for all places abroad is a halfpenny. With regard to permitting the transmission of postcards to every part of the Empire for a halfpenny each he does not see his way to reducing the charge. The number of postcards despatched from the United Kingdom to the rest of the Empire last year was estimated at 2,650,000. The loss entailed by the introduction of a halfpenny rate would depend partly on the increase in the number of cards transmitted and on the percentage of such cards sent in lieu of letters, but he has no information which will enable him to frame a trustworthy estimate on these points.

TELEGRAMS.

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JAPAN AND AMERICA.

Tokyo, December 1st.

The Government still preserves silence with regard to the agreement reported to be concluded between the United States and Japan. The official text is naturally awaited with great eagerness. The newspapers, though approving of the principle, are critical of the terms.

The semi-official "Kokumin" opines that the agreement is as important as the Anglo-Japanese treaty as affecting Japanese interests.

The "Asahi" regrets the absence of any reference to the question of immigration restrictions, the existence of which argues a lack of mutual confidence.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE UNITED STATES NAVY ON THE YANGTZE.

London, November 29th.

Two United States vessels have been ordered from Manila to the Yangtze to replace two which have recently left.

SPAIN—FUNERAL OF THE JAPANESE MINISTER.

London, November 29th.

The funeral of the late Japanese Minister to Spain took place at San Sebastian yesterday. The late Minister's wife starts for Japan shortly.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

London, November 29th.

Washington reports, that in spite of official reticence, it is stated on trustworthy authority, that a Japan-American agreement has been concluded based on the idea of encouraging and defending the free and peaceful commercial development of the Pacific, guaranteeing each other's territories, a mutual pledge to support the independence of China, and equal commercial opportunity to all nations there. If the status quo, as above defined, be threatened by the two Powers are to communicate with each other and arrange measures deemed to be useful.

LATER.

The German paper the "Nord Deutsche" welcomes with sincere satisfaction the Japan-American Agreement, which it considers increases the guarantees for the maintenance of peace in the Far East, in a similar manner to the Anglo-German Agreement 1900, and the Franco-Japanese Agreement of 1907.

AUSTRIA AND THE NEAR EAST.

London, November 29th.

An official statement from Belgrade says, report from Cetinje state that 22,000 Austrians, on the Montenegrin frontier, believing themselves cut off, panicked and fled precipitately abandoning a portion of their munitions and artillery. Two Generals have been cashiered in consequence.

LATER.

Montenegro has handed the representatives of the Powers at Cetinje

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 1st December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ
(ACTING PRESIDENT JUDGE).

THE SALE OF A SEWING MACHINE.
The Singer Sewing Machine Company brought an action against S. Ezekiel for the recovery of \$45 in respect of goods sold and delivered. Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. Gardner acted for the defendant.

Mr. A. E. Parker, manager of the plaintiff company, stated that on June 11th defendant purchased a sewing machine \$50 to be the price, if paid within five months of the date of purchase, and \$70 to be paid if the period of purchase extended beyond that time. The machine was to be paid for by monthly instalments of \$10, and \$25 had been paid. Defendant had written asking for consideration treatment as he was really hard up at present.

CROSS-EXAMINED.—There was an alternative contract that if \$50.40 were paid within five months the matter ended, but that contract had no reference to payment by instalments, and the period terminated on Nov. 11th.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing.—Was it part of the contract that he could go five months and then pay the whole \$50.40?

Witness.—No, we could not conduct our business on promises.

Did you lease this machine?—No, I rented it.

And he had no right to dispose of it?—No.

He disposed of it?—Yes.

You wrote and asked him for the return of the machine?—Repeatedly.

Here is a letter in which defendant wrote informing you that the machine had been shipped by mistake with the Bandmann Company. You never received the machine back?—No.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Otto Kong Sing stated that the machine was sold for \$50.40 if that sum were paid within five months, but they were owing on the \$70 contract because the instalments had failed. When the writ was taken out the instalments were three months in arrear.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing said that their action was for the sale of goods and delivery.

His Lordship.—Not sale?

Mr. Otto Kong Sing.—Yes, we have parted with the goods and received part payment.

His Lordship.—You do not part with the property?

Mr. Otto Kong Sing.—Yes, we part with it on conditions.

His Lordship.—No you part with the possession.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing.—They held it only on condition. There is an agreement and part performance.

Defendant said that he hired the machine on behalf of the Bandmann Company and after he had paid the second instalment he told them to take it away. Shortly afterwards Mr. Parker wrote claiming \$50.40, but the machine was taken away by mistake by the Bandmann Company. When the Company returned he was unable to get the machine back. As the plaintiffs were pressing him for payment he entered into two agreements, one that he should pay 12 monthly instalments of \$5, or, if he could make good \$50.40 within five months that would be accepted. Nothing was said about paying by instalments. He had paid \$30.

CROSS-EXAMINED.—On this \$5 monthly instalments you have failed?—Yes.

You have been here for debt before?—Not for debt.

Were you lodged in Victoria Gaol?—That was the action against Goldenberg.

Then you were imprisoned for failing to pay costs?—I paid.

You paid eventually. Is that the only occasion you have been in gaol?—That is the only one.

Did you tell Mr. Parker you were sorry you had lent the machine to one of the Bandmann girls?—I told him the machine was gone away.

You said you were sorry you had lent it to her?—She was paying the instalments.

Why should you have paid the instalments?

—She went away.

Mr. Gardner submitted that the defendant had the option as to the two contracts and plaintiffs were premature in suing.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing said that this was not so and asked for judgment, as, adopting the longer agreement, defendant was still at fault.

His Lordship reserved his decision till Friday morning.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council has been convened for Thursday next. The business includes the consideration of a number of bye-laws under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903, and the following "Orders of the Day":—

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Magistrate's Ordinance 1890 to empower a Magistrate to hold a Small Debt Court in the New Territories and to regulate the proceedings in relation thereto.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Fire Insurance Companies Ordinance 1903.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Interpretation Ordinance 1897 and to remove an ambiguity in the construction of the same.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance further to amend The Companies Ordinance 1865.

Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance for Authorizing the Construction of a Tramway within the Colony of Hongkong.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

November 30th.

MORE KIDNAPPINGS.

Robbers have kidnapped Messrs. Lo Aok Wai and Lo Hok Lim, members of the wealthy Lo family in the district of Shun Tak, during their visit to the town of Yungki in the above district. Mr. Lo Wai Tung, uncle of the victims, is assistant secretary to Viceroy Tuan Fang of Liang Kiang. Lo reported the matter to Viceroy Tuan Fang and His Excellency has called to Viceroy Chang requesting that strict orders be given to the Shun Tak Magistrate to obtain the release of the captives as soon as possible and also to arrest the brigands and have them severely punished.

SEQUEL TO THE FATHIAN RIOT.

The following is a translation of a proclamation issued by the Superintendent of Police in Fathian on account of the riot:—"This proclamation is issued to inform the public that about three weeks ago a notorious monk came to Fathian and caused all kinds of strange rumours to spread over the town. As it is the duty of the police to put a stop to this sort of things and prevent any disturbance in the place we had the monk arrested and sent him over to the Chief Superintendent of Police in Canton where he will be tried and punished for disturbing the public peace. The inhabitants of the town should thank us for removing a person who was doing injury to the general public, but unfortunately some bad characters seized this opportunity to incite the people to riot and thus brought misfortune on the other good citizens. The rascals led a large number of people to No. 1 Police Station and without any reason whatever made a great disturbance in front of the station and afterwards they had the audacity to wreck the Police Station and the property on the premises. Conduct of this nature is in defiance of the law and cannot be tolerated."

2. That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by deleting paragraph 2 of Article IX and by substituting therefor the following:—"2. The Register, or Registers, of shareholders and the Register of Transfers which will be closed for such period or periods and at such time or times as the Directors may think fit, but not the period or periods of such closure shall not exceed in the whole 30 days in any one year."

The CHAIRMAN.—There is nothing for me to add to the notice, I simply propose the first resolution.

Mr. MACHADO seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The second resolution was also carried on the motion of the CHAIRMAN seconded by Mr. CHAN TONG.

The CHAIRMAN.—That closes this meeting, I shall be pleased if you will stay for the next meeting.

The attendance was the same at the second meeting which was called for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Extraordinary Resolution:—"That the Directors be authorised to declare a bonus or dividend out of the Reserve and Cattle Reserve Funds or out of the accumulated profits of the Company sufficient to pay a call of \$6.00 per share upon the New Capital already authorised to be raised by Special Resolution and that such bonus or dividend be appropriated for the purpose of paying such call."

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the resolution be approved, which was seconded by Mr. MACHADO, and carried.

The CHAIRMAN.—That concludes the meeting, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

MISSING DAIRY FARM CHEQUES.

The case in which Ho Cheung was indicted on a charge of being in unlawful possession of three cheques, valued \$68.29, the property of the Dairy Farm, came on for hearing before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. G. N. Orme, Assistant Superintendent of Police, appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Daniels (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) represented the defendant.

The defendant having been previously charged with this offence, and dismissed, his Worship intimated that he did not intend to hear the case again, and discharged the defendant.

Chan Chiu Yee, shroff to Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, was then charged with attempting to obtain a reward for helping in the recovery of stolen property without bringing the offender to trial.

The evidence of one of the Dairy Farm shroffs, taken in the previous case, was read to Mr. C. F. Dixon, who appeared for the defendant, and cross-examined.

The accountant and shroff of the Dairy Farm stationed at Kowloon gave evidence as to missing the three cheques before the Court on the 17th or 18th instant. He thought the person who removed them must have gained admission to the premises through a window.

Cross-examined.—Witness reported the loss of these cheques to the secretary and compradors of the Dairy Farm Co.

A Central Police Station interpreter put in the statement made by the defendant when charged, and Mr. Dixon proceeded to cross-examine him.

Did you see the defendant's finger imprints taken?—No.

It is usual to take finger prints before a man is convicted?

Mr. Orme.—He is not an authority.

Mr. Dixon.—I didn't say he was. I asked him if it was usual.

Mr. Orme objected to the question.

Mr. Grist.—I want to know. They do some very funny things there sometimes. (To witness)—Are finger prints of defendants taken in the charge room after charges have been preferred?—If we have time.

Are those your instructions?—No.

Are they the instructions of those in charge of the charge room?—Yes.

Did you see defendants' finger prints taken?—No.

Defendant then made a statement in which he told the Court that he informed his friend that no cheques were missing. On a second occasion when defendant saw the Dairy Farm shroff, the latter told the defendant to tell his friend to return the cheques, and he would give him some tea money. The defendant saw his friend, who wanted at least \$5 or \$7 to return the cheques. Defendant did not ask for a reward.

Examined by Mr. Orme, defendant said he told the man who held the cheques that they were crossed and that he had better return them to the owner. Ho Cheung told witness that he had picked the cheques up in the street. The defendant was discharged.

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CHOI SEK CHUEN,

Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1908. [1625]

NOTICE TO STAMP COLLECTORS.

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Lahore, 19th October, 1908. [1626]

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INTIMATIONS



NOTIFICATION.

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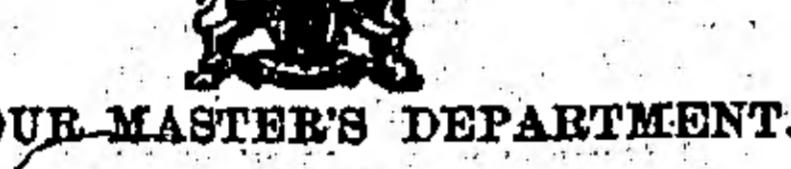
J. BELL,
Principal Civil Medical Officer.

Medical Department,
Hongkong, 25th November, 1908. [1608]



MAGISTRACY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE for the Colony will be held at the MAGISTRACY, at 2.15 P.M. on MONDAY, the 7th December, 1908, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor Licences Ordinances, 1898 and 1908, viz.— From one O. E. OWEN for a Publican's Licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors on premises numbered 30, Elgin Road, Kowloon, under the sign of "THE KOWLOON HOTEL." J. H. KEMP,
Police Magistrate.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1908. [1617]



HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

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On WEDNESDAY, the 9th December:— From L. Belchers in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M., and finishing at 12 NOON.

From Albion in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 10th December:— From Stonecutters (Central) in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

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Hongkong, 25th November, 1908. [1618]

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Hongkong, 24th November, 1908.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CHINA.

MEETING AT SHANGHAI.

A special meeting of members of the American Association of China was held at No. 1 Yen-ming-yuen Road, Shanghai, on December 24th. Mr. Murray Warner presided and there were over eighty members present.

At the outset the question was raised as to whether the representatives of the Press should be excluded. A vote was taken on a motion to exclude the reporters. The motion was rejected, amidst loud applause, by an overwhelming majority.

Dr. GILBERT REID, as chairman of the Sub-Committee appointed to obtain the views of Americans in China as well as those of members of the Association in Shanghai, moved the adoption of four resolutions which had been circulated and which, he said, were a summary of the wishes expressed. Dr. Reid suggested certain alterations in the resolutions as they then read as follows:

Resolution No. 1.—Resolved that the American Association of China convened at a special meeting does hereby express thanks and appreciation for the interest manifested by the Department of State and by Congress in considering and forwarding suitable legislation for the United States Court for China; and does petition them to continue their efforts until suitable legislation is enacted.

Resolution No. 2.—Whereas the right of Trial by Jury is one granted to American citizens under the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas of such Americans in China as have made known their wishes, in response to a printed circular, nearly eighty per cent. have expressed preference for a jury trial, or something similar thereto as other than a trial by one man;

Therefore, be it resolved that we ask that such provision be made in future legislation as will secure to Americans, in both civil and criminal cases, the option of being tried with or without a jury of five, or, should it be deemed preferable, by a similar number called Assessors, who shall, however, be the sole judges of the facts in each case.

Resolution No. 3.—Whereas, the power vested in a Grand Jury for the Courts of the United States should be vested, for the just treatment of Americans in China, in some United States Officer.

Therefore, be it resolved that we request that the Magistrate of the Consular Court in each Consular District, in conducting a private investigation of crime, shall have power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and the said Officer, with the District Attorney, shall examine the witnesses and determine whether a *prima facie* case of guilt has been established upon the evidence, before a Bill of Information can be filed by the District Attorney.

Resolution No. 4.—Resolved that it is the opinion of the American Association of China that the Consul-General of the United States at Shanghai should be relieved of all judicial duties, and that the Vice-Consul-General or some other officer of this Consulate-General should perform the judicial duties now devolving upon the Consul-General under the Law.

Mr. J. N. JAMISON seconded.

These and other amendments were rejected and the resolutions, as amended by Mr. Tucker, were adopted.

through the legislation they sought in Washington.

Mr. G. E. TUCKER moved that the words "or, should it be deemed preferable, by a similar number called Assessors," be deleted, also the word "however," from paragraph three of Resolution No. 2.—Dr. W. H. JEFFREYS seconded.

Mr. TUCKER then explained his reasons for proposing the amendment.

Dr. F. L. HAWES PORT raised a question of privilege and asked that Mr. J. F. Seaman be allowed to bring forward his substitute motion, of which notice had been given, at this stage.

It was decided to take Mr. Seaman's substitute motion which he proposed as follows:

Whereas, the Association in November of last year addressed to the President and Congress of the United States a Memorial "on the need of a more complete body of Laws for Americans in China, and an American Federal Building in Shanghai," and supported the Memorial by a Memorandum upon the needs of the Judiciary and Consular service in China; and Whereas, no action thereon was taken at the last Session of Congress, and consequently the situation remained unchanged, to the detriment of the efficiency of the public service and the interests of Americans resident in China: Resolved (1) That this Association transmit a further Memorial to the President and Congress of the United States, reiterating the views previously expressed, and emphasizing the necessity for the adoption and promulgation of a Code of Laws for the guidance of the United States Court for China, and the provision by appropriation of funds for the purchase of land for the erection of buildings for Governmental purposes at Shanghai. (2) That, with a view to fully acquainting the authorities at Washington with the situation, the issue of the illustrated Journal of the Association, Volume II, Number 5, or so much thereof as is cognate to the subject, be presented, and that a copy thereof, together with a copy of these Resolutions and of the Memorial referred to in Resolution I, be transmitted to the President, to the Secretaries of each Department and to every member of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Dr. HAWES PORT seconded.

These and other amendments were rejected and the resolutions, as amended by Mr. Tucker, were adopted.

THE DEMAND FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT IN INDIA.

A MAHARAJA'S VIEWS.

The following interesting letter from the Maharaja of Benares appeared in the *Times* last month:

There is a good deal of talk going on these days about "svayam," or the making of India a self-governing country. The word may sound sweet upon the lips of such light-hearted people as have no stake in the country, but certainly it jars unpleasantly upon those of the native chiefs of India who have a self-government of their own, and feel naturally anxious at the vagueness of the proposal which, even with the most favorable interpretation, is sufficient to cause them alarm.

We in India are almost accustomed to hear such meaningless and hollow cries, and would scarcely have troubled our head about them had it not been for their echo which is now and then ominously reflected from the white cliffs across the English Channel.

There are 689 self-governing States in India, just at present, the status and independence of each of which is clearly defined and guaranteed by the British Government and embodied into treaties and engagements. The question now naturally arises, what is this new self-government meant to be? Is it meant to be the 690th State co-ordinate with those already existing, making each State free to make peace or wage war with each other, and thus bringing India once again on the verge of the intercine warfare from which it was luckily saved by the timely advent of the British Power? Or does it mean the combination of these States into a federation like the United States of America and subordinate to a central Government presided over periodically by Bosses, Iyengars, Chaswallas, and Ranases? Or is it seriously contemplated to merge these Native States along with the British districts into one self-governing State, making them lose their identity and individuality, to preserve which our forefathers sacrificed their dearest and best, and for the preservation of which the faith of the British nation is pledged?

The British public should know that the native chiefs of India will not brook such nonsense talk, and it is high time that it is put a stop to and officially declared against. India of the present day was not found out by chance. The fabric of the Indian Empire was slowly and patiently built by the most gifted and talented statesmen of England who worked in cooperation with our forefathers, gaining their confidence by their good faith and integrity. This edifice is the combined work of the best British and Indian talents, and has been raised after centuries of hard labour, with a high ideal in mind, from out of a confused mass. The British ought to be proud of it, and should try to preserve it. Are these solid works to give way because the age of action is now replaced by that of talk and the stalwart and far-seeing statesmen by quacks and mountebanks? England should remember that it has a very sacred trust in hand, and ought not to play lightly with it.

While on this subject I might be permitted to mention by the way that I could not understand how "Swadesham" cum boycott is regarded to be the panacea of the so-called chronic poverty of India. I have a great regard for the word "Swadesham," so far as it means the love of one's own country; but what has it to do with "boycott"? To my mind, commerce and trade are sure signs of wealth, and if they mean anything, they mean the exchange of commodities between one country and another. It passes my imagination how trade and commerce can flourish under the ban of boycott of foreign goods. It is very easy to stop all imports by boycotting products of other countries, but what is proposed to be done with our enormous exports? Do our irresponsible politicians propose to let the raw produce of this country rot in India, if other countries shut their doors against it by way of retaliation? Boycott beggars boycott. It would also be interesting to know how the millions of rupees which our import duty adds to the revenue of India are proposed to be found out if all import is stopped? Will our amateur politicians make the loss good?

It was not a question whether the Judge here wanted a jury or not, but it was a question for the American citizens to say, if they were accused, whether they would be tried with a jury, or by the Judge with Assessors. With regard to the third resolution the question was considered by a sub-Committee of Foreign Affairs in the House of Representatives. Both Mr. Denby and Mr. Fessenden seemed to think that something should be done, not to take away the power of the District Attorney in securing this preliminary evidence, but to check it, so it was recommended that there should be some other officer of the Consulate at Shanghai or any other part, who should have this power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and he and the District Attorney decide whether *prima facie* case of guilt had been established, before a Bill of Information could be filed by the First Assistant Attorney. This was simply to preserve the rights of every American citizen in these investigations made in secret. Resolution No. 4 expressed a view which was not the view which was taken by the Executive Committee last year. An Assistant Judge had not been appointed and might not be appointed. The Consular Court should be distinct from the Superior Court so that appeals might be made from the lower Court to the higher court, but not having the same officers sitting in both Courts. They were all agreed that the Consul-General should be relieved of his judicial duties, and they memorialized that some other officer in the Consulate-General, preferably a Vice-Consul, should act as a Magistrate in this preliminary or Police Court. He was personally in favour of the maintenance of the Consular Court. In conclusion Dr. Reid appealed to the meeting for unanimity of action and said that if they could only agree on these matters and have a unanimous vote they would help to carry

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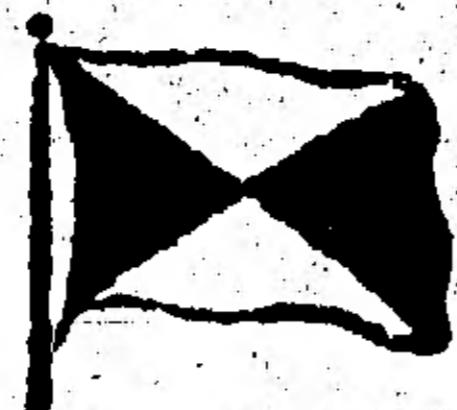
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Wed' day, 2nd Dec., 1 P.M.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thursday, 3rd Dec., Noon.
SINGAPORE & SAMARANG	"ONSANG"	Friday, 4th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 4th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Saturday, 5th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 11th Dec., 4 P.M.
SH'AI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Wed' day, 16th Dec., Noon

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AMOY & FOOCHOW	Capt. Y. FUZEN	8 A.M.
TAKAO (DIRECT)	"SHINCHIKU MARU"	SUNDAY, 6th Dec.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW	Capt. H. YAMAMOTO	At Daylight.
AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 6th Dec.
ANPING VIA SWATOW	Capt. I. SAKURAI	At 10 A.M.
AMOY	"SHOSHU MARU"	WED'DAY, 9th Dec.
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Capt. A. E. Hodgins		at NOON.
"HAITAN,"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 8th Dec.
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SS. BARCELONA ... 17th Dec.

SS. ANDALUSIA ... 3rd Jan. 09

SS. SLAVONIA ... 17th Jan. 09

SS. SAXONIA ... 27th Jan. 09

SS. SPEZIA ... 8th Feb. 09

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SS. SCANDIA ... 22nd Dec.

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